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In the Matter of)

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Access Rules and Examination of)

Programming Tying Arrangements)

MB Docket No. 07-198

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Fox Entertainment Group, Inc. and Fox Television Holdings, Inc. (collectively, "Fox"), pursuant to Section 1.46(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(b), respectfully request that the Commission extend the time for filing comments in the above-captioned proceeding by 45 days.¹ Comments are currently due on November 30, 2007 and reply comments are due on December 17, 2007.² Extending the deadline for filing comments will ensure that the Commission receives full and informed responses to the issues raised in this rulemaking proceeding and that affected parties have a meaningful opportunity to develop a complete record for the Commission's consideration.

An extension is especially warranted here in light of the relatively short comment period established by the Commission, the impending holiday season, and the complexity of the issues raised. Parties need additional time to, among other things, compile and analyze a wide variety

¹ *In re Implementation of the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992 – Development of Competition and Diversity in Video Programming Distribution: Section 628(c)(5) of the Communications Act: Sunset of Exclusive Contract Prohibition; Review of the Commission's Program Access Rules and Examination of Programming Tying Arrangements*, Report and Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, MB Docket Nos. 07-29 and 07-198 (rel. Oct. 1, 2007) ("Notice").

² The Notice provided that comments and reply comments would be due 30 days and 45 days, respectively, after the date of publication in the Federal Register. Federal Register publication occurred on October 31, 2007.

of relevant industry data. Fox, in particular, needs time to survey executives in both its cable and broadcast divisions to obtain up-to-date information about the "status of carriage negotiations in today's marketplace," as requested by the Commission.³ Fox also intends to retain an economist to prepare an expert report responsive to the issues raised in the *Notice*. All of these efforts will be more time-consuming and difficult to coordinate in view of office absences due to the impending holiday season.

Because the *Notice* represents the first time that the Commission has inquired about program bundling in the wholesale video programming market, all of these tasks will take longer than the 30-day comment period currently contemplated by the *Notice*. Accordingly, the requested extension would serve the public interest by ensuring that those who wish to participate in this proceeding have adequate time to file well-researched comments. Grant of the requested brief extension would not cause any harm or prejudice to the Commission, any interested party or any member of the public.

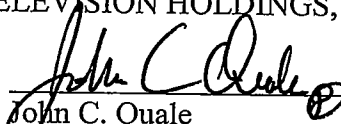
For all of the foregoing reasons, Fox respectfully requests that the Commission extend the deadline for filing comments in this proceeding to January 14, 2008. This extension will serve the public interest by facilitating the submission of meaningful comments, which in turn will furnish the Commission with a more thorough and informative record on which to base its decision.

³ *Notice*, ¶¶ 125, 130.

Respectfully submitted,

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